

LADY FARMERS

Women Make Money as Market Gardeners and Florists.

to the contrary, the fact that it is possible to make money by cultivating the land has been demonstrated by Mrs. Collard and her two daughters, who have taken up market gardening with great success. The ladies in question have made a specialty in strawberry growing, and by using business methods they have made each acre of their land yield a crop of strawberries of the value of £150.

It must not be thought, however, that these ladies have an easy time, for when the season is at its height they start their duties as early as 3 o'clock in the morning, together with the assistance of scores of pickers. The gatherers walk up and down the field picking the luscious fruit and putting it into punnets—small white baskets, each of which holds one pound. The baskets are carried by boys to the three lady assistants, who arrange the fruit to make it look as tempting as possible, weigh the baskets and then pack them into larger baskets.

As soon as a load is ready it is immediately conveyed to the station and despatched to London by the 4:45 a. m. train, and the strawberries are on sale at Covent Garden Market an hour later. The picking goes on throughout the day, and by 7 o'clock there are generally over 100 helpers—men, women and children.

Although the strawberry season does not last longer than a few weeks, the ladies do not let the grass grow under their feet for the rest of the year. They plant the ground with cucumbers and vegetable marrows, which thus yield another £50 per acre before the end of August, and during the winter and spring months utilize the ground for early and late crops.

Not only in market-gardening are women making their mark, for Miss Hall and Miss King have made quite a success of a large flower garden at Crowthorne. They commenced operations a year or two ago with two acres of land which was originally overgrown with firs, gorse and bracken, but the plucky young ladies soon removed all this opposition and started to work with a will. They commence their duties at 9:30 and work until tea time, having a short break for lunch. Now they are able to despatch some hundreds of boxes of choice flowers in the course of a week to all parts of the country by post.

They specialize in violets, narcissus and chrysanthemums, for which flowers they have a great demand. It might be interesting to note that in their grounds is an orchard known as "Friendship Orchard," which consists of over seventy fruit trees, which have been presented by friends from time to time. These two ladies have also made quite a success of tomato growing.

The fair sex have even invaded the domain of the poultry farmer. To Miss Edwards, of Coaley Poultry Farm, belongs the honor of being the owner of the largest poultry farm in England managed by a woman. The farm, with a stock of well over a thousand birds, is run by herself, with the assistance of a lady manager and a few boys. Miss Edwards started business with twenty fowls, and for a time did all the work, with the exception of cleaning out the houses, a boy being employed for that job. A successful branch of Miss Edwards' farm has been the rearing of pedigree birds. In fact, to illustrate her success in this direction it is only necessary to state that she has taken over 1,000 prizes at the principal shows throughout the country.

The first lady to take up pedigree goat rearing was Miss Nellie Hall,

on her model farm at Leigh-on-Sea, Essex. Miss Hall commenced two years ago with three goats, but has now a total of twenty-five. A dozen of her animals were sold last year at prices ranging from £6 to £25 each.—Tit-Bits.

RULES FOR JAP CHILDREN.

They Are Taught in Their Schools How to Treat Foreigners.

An English newspaper published in Japan printed at one time an interesting synopsis of the rules which the public schools of that country were teaching their pupils on the subject of the treatment of foreigners.

This synopsis is reprinted in a recent book, "The Empire of the East," by H. B. Montgomery, and is accompanied by some interesting facts concerning the schools of Japan. The rules are as follows:

Never call after foreigners passing along the streets or roads.

When foreigners make inquiries answer them politely. If unable to make them understand inform the police of the fact.

Never accept a present from a foreigner when there is no reason for his giving it, and never charge him anything above what is proper.

Do not crowd around a shop when a foreigner is making purchases thereby causing him much annoyance. The continuance of this practice disgraces us as a nation.

Since all human beings are brothers and sisters there is no reason for fearing foreigners. Treat them as equals and act uprightly in all your dealings with them. Be neither servile nor arrogant.

Beware of combining against the foreigner and disliking him because he is a foreigner; men are to be judged by their conduct and not by their nationality.

As intercourse with foreigners becomes closer and extends over a series of years there is danger that many Japanese may become enamored of their ways and customs and forsake the good old customs of their forefathers. Against this danger you must be on your guard.

Taking off your hat is the proper way to salute a foreigner. The bending of the body low is not to be commended.

Hold in high regard the worship of ancestors and treat your relations with warm cordiality, but do not regard a person as your enemy because he or she is a Christian.

Beware of selling your souls to foreigners and becoming their slaves. Sell them no houses or lands.

Aim at not being beaten in your competition with foreigners. Remember that loyalty and filial piety are our most precious national treasures, and do nothing to violate them.

Logical Method of Search.

It was closing time at the town library. Old Mr. Duke, who had filled the place of librarian for years, took down his coat and hat and with the assistance of his little daughter got them safely on. Together they started for the door. It was raining hard.

"Wait a moment, child," said her father, and went back into the building. The girl remained, obediently.

Five minutes passed. Then ten. She pushed open the door and walked in. Her father was bent over one of the card catalogues.

"What are you looking for, father?" she inquired.

He put the drawer back, suddenly abashed.

"I'm getting old, Margaret," he said. "I couldn't find my umbrella, and I was searching for it under U in the lists."—Youth's Companion.

STRENUOUS TIMES.

"The old-fashioned orator used to pause for a reply."

"But the new-fashioned orator can't afford to. If he did, some other chap would butt in and monopolize the hall."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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